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In re Application of: LAHTI et al.

For: CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY FOR CONNECTING A LEAD AND AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

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months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is Applicant hereby petitions for required, please consider this petition therefor. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$___ __for the one-month extension fee. \Box X Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, X please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, having a three month statutory period for response set to expire on March 5, 2006, entry and consideration of the following response is respectfully requested.